BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

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SURVEY NO.: B-2185

Address: 333 North Charles Street

Current Name: Woman's Industrial Exchange

Block: 581 Lot: 6 Lot size: 25 ft. x 137 ft.

Height: 3 Materials: Brick

Condition: Excellent Owner: Woman's Industrial Exchange

Use: Commercial Accessible: Yes, restricted Liber/Folio: RO 1821/27

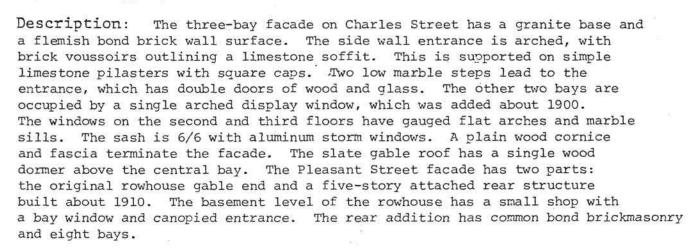
Historic Name: Woman's Industrial Exchange

Date: ca. 1815

Architect/Builder:

AREA: Cathedral Hill

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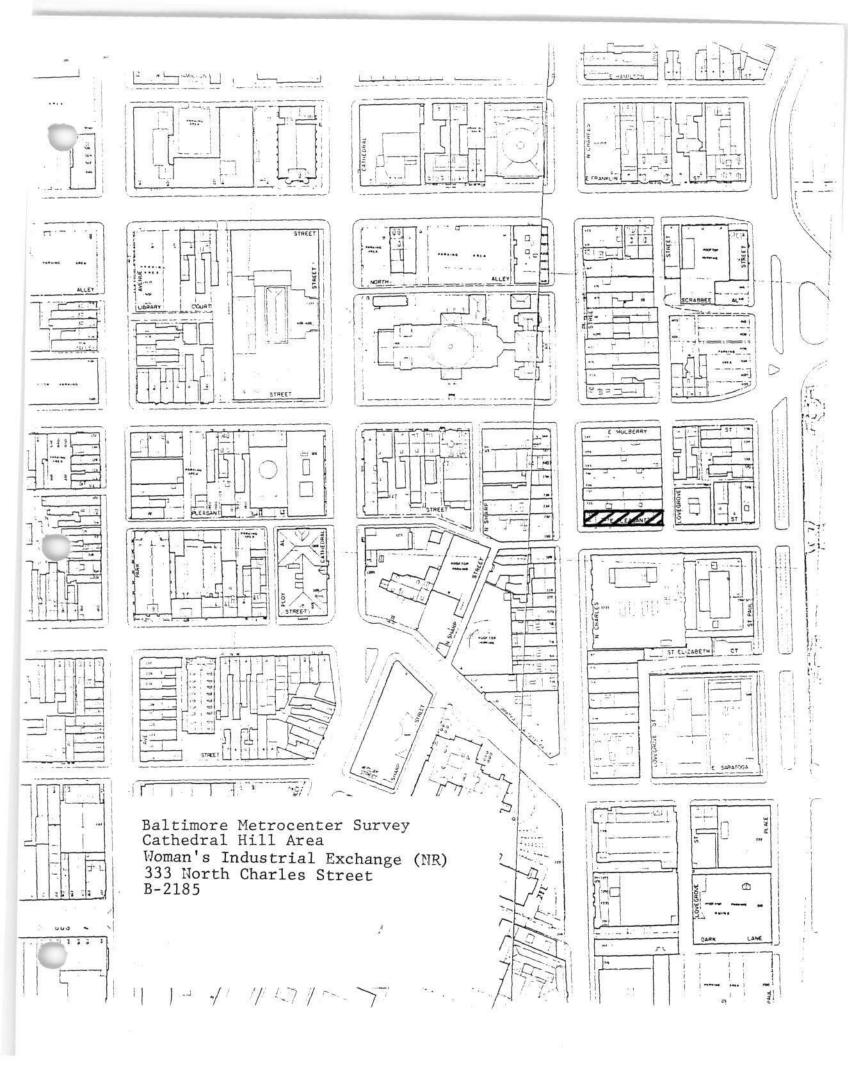
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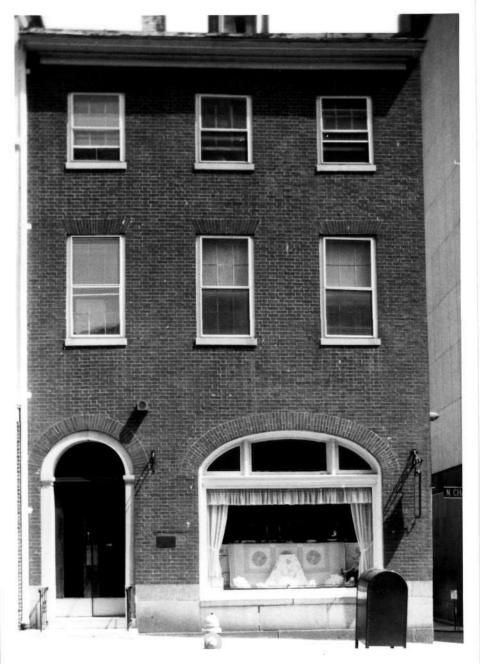
The Woman's Industrial Exchange originated after the Civil War as a means for impoverished women to sell baked goods and hand crafts and survives to the present on its original principles requiring consignment of goods which meet certain standards. The building was erected about 1815 as a private residence and later became a boarding house. The Exchange acquired the building in 1899 and has remained there to the present. Except for the addition of the display window, the facade of the 1815 structure has remained mostly unchanged since construction. The brick was painted and the windows had louvered shutters around the turn of the century, but these have since been removed.

Sources: NR file, CHAP; DR 11-19-10

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, March 1985







Woman's Industrial Exchange B-2185 333 North Charles Street Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey Baltimore (City), Maryland

Photo: Janet Davis Date: August 1984

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West elevation

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Woman's Industrial Exchange B-2185
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Southwest corner view
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This semi-attached brick building of flemish bond is located at the corner of East Pleasant and North Charles Streets. three stories with a low pitched gable roof with a center dormer window and two chimneys located on either side of the building. the first floor consists of two bays. The rectangular double doors are located to the lefts of the building and are recessed into an arch opening. The arched openings is accented by a brick full arched lintel. On either side of the opening are two white marble columns connected by a white marble arch. There are twostone steps, a vestibule and a stone water tatable. The first floor window is rectangular plate-glass with an arched transom. The entire window unit is encased in white painted wood with a brick full arch lintel. The second floor has three rectangular shaped windows of three over four panes. The sills are made of stone and the lintels are brick flat arched. The third floor has these rectangular windows of three over four panes which are of a shorter height than the second floor windows. The cornice is of wood and of a simple design. The most decorative elements of the building are first floor bays. The building is of the same height and width as adjacent buildings.

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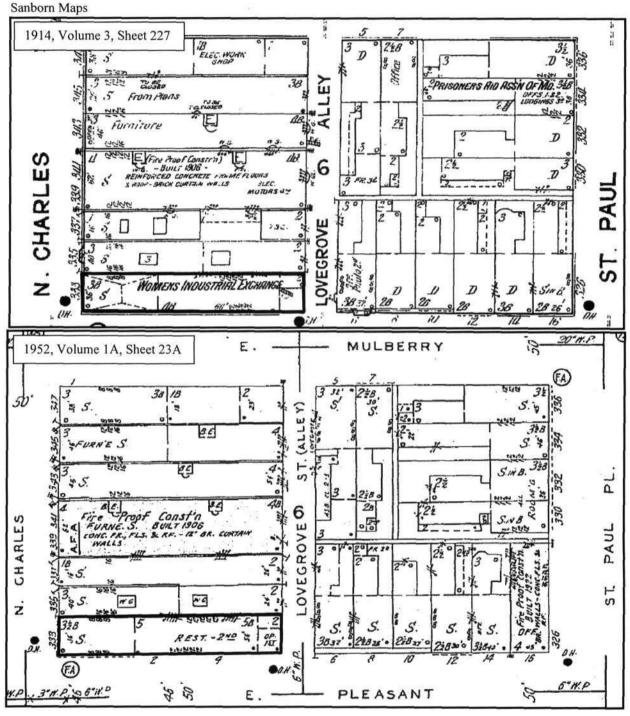
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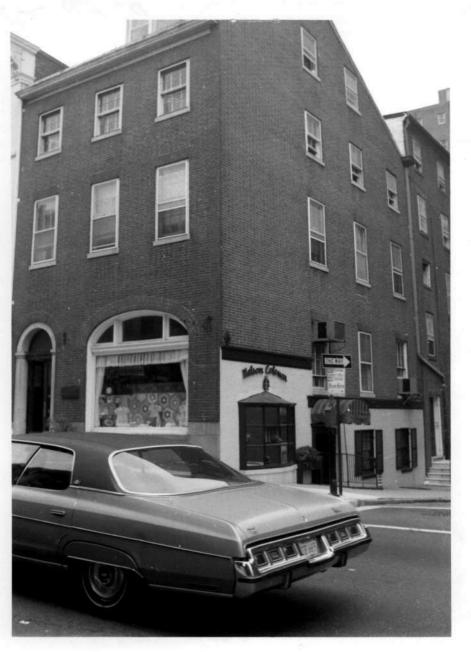
The significance of the Women's Industrial Exchange can be found in the social and community importance that it serves the downtown Baltimore district. The interior of the Exchange reflects a past time period and is an excellent example of the interior of an early twentieth century commercial building. The Women's Industrial Exchange provides a useful social service to the Baltimore community by enabling needy women to be financially independent. Exchange has its roots in the Reconstruction era and therefore provides one with an interesting example of late 19th century reform groups. The community importance of the Women's Industrial Exchange is witnessed by the testimony of several newspaper articles which deal with The Women's Industrial Exchange as a unique place for shoppers to eat lunch at and to buy handmade items. (See subject file at the Maryland Historical Society) It is the opinion of the author that the Exchange provides a useful and vital service for the Baltimore downtown district. The date of the structure is believed to be around the early nineteenth century when it was built as a residence for Hugh Boyle, Baltimore merchant.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM DATE ENTERED SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS NAME HISTORIC Woman's Industrial Exchange AND/OR COMMON **21LOCATION** STREET & NUMBER 333 North Charles Street NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CITY, TOWN Third VIĆINITY OF Baltimore COUNTY CODE STATE CODE Baltimore City 510 Maryland 24 **ECLASSIFICATION** CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS **PRESENT USE** DISTRICT X_OCCUPIED PUBLIC AGRICULTURE __MUSEUM X_BUILDING(S) X PRIVATE _UNOCCUPIED COMMERCIAL PARK _STRUCTURE __ВОТН X PRIVATE RESIDENCE _WORK IN PROGRESS _EDUCATIONAL _SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT __RELIGIOUS _OBJECT X_YES: RESTRICTED _GOVERNMENT _SCIENTIFIC BEING CONSIDERED __YES: UNRESTRICTED _INDUSTRIAL _TRANSPORTATION _NO _MILITARY _OTHER **BOWNER OF PROPERTY** Woman's Industrial Exchange c/o Mrs. William Whitescarver, President, Board of Managers STREET & NUMBER 333 North Charles Street CITY, TOWN STATE 21201 Baltimore Maryland VICINITY OF LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC. Records Office, Room 601, Baltimore City Courthouse STREET & NUMBER St. Paul and Fayette Streets CITY, TOWN STATE Baltimore Maryland 21201 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey DATE

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DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

Maryland 21202

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DESCRIPTION

X_EXCELLENT

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Woman's Industrial Exchange is housed in a modified early nineteenth century townhouse. A large, five-story structure of later date is appended to the rear. The buildings occupy a rear-sloping corner site, with the southern side exposed.

The townhouse is a three and a half story, three bay, gable-roofed structure. Both the front facade and the exposed southern side wall are built of brick laid in Flemish bond.

The Charles Street front has a low base of granite ashlar. Two marble steps lead to the round-arched entranceway on the left. The doorway is framed with simple lime-stone pilasters with square caps, which support a limestone frame running along the intrados of the gauged brick arch. Double doors of wood and glass fill the entranceway and are surmounted by a semi-circular, wood-framed transom of plain glass.

To the right of the entrance, a large rectangular plate glass window framed in wood fills the two right bays. Its bottom edge is set within the granite base on a granite sill. It is surmounted by a wood framed, tripartite, three center arched transom. Voussoirs of the brick arch above are alternately composed of a header over a stretcher, and a stretcher over a header.

The second floor windows are taller than, but similarly detailed to the third floor windows. All windows are double-hung with 6/6 lights, and protected by aluminum and glass storm windows. Each has a flat, splayed brick lintel and marble sill.

A plain wooden cornice runs at the roofline, with a fascia which terminates about 8 inches from either side wall. The roof supports a single wooden dormer with gable roof set above the central bay. The rectangular opening is filled with a double-hung window with 6/6 lights. A rectangular brick chimney rises from between the first and second bays from the left. The details of the back half of the roof are not visible from the street.

The Pleasant Street side of the house has a sunken basement entrance to a shop partially below ground level, positioned to the right of a modern shop window. Two columns of windows, each running from the first floor through the gable end, are arranged symmetrically to either side of the roof peak. A third column of windows runs from the first through third floors at the right edge of the side wall. The shop window and entrance, and two additional windows at the ground floor level are set beneath a recently applied wooden molding. All original windows are detailed like those on the front.

An unusual feature is a wide semi-circle of slate which frames a depression set in the sidewalk directly beneath the rear ground floor window.

The five-story, eight-bay adjoining structure is built of a darker brick laid in running bond. It is as wide as the house, and has a shed roof sloping down to Pleasant Street from the party wall. It is regularly fenestrated with windows grouped in a 1-4-3 pattern. Because of the sloping situation, the second floor of this structure corresponds with the first floor of the townhouse.

An entrance to the second floor is positioned at the western end of the structure. A pair of double wooden doors is reached from a brick stoop. The stoop is sheathed with a marble landing, risers and runners. An ornamented wrought iron hand rail with brass ball finials runs around the landing and down the stairs to form a volute at the bottom step, which is longer than the others. The design of the stoop appears to predate the construction of the adjoining structure, and is probably contemporary with the townhouse. The door surround at this flat-arched entrance has been removed.

A second entrance, to the first floor level, is positioned at the fourth bay in from the west. The rectangular wooden door is surrounded by top and side lights.

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Three slate steps lead to the entrance. A marble and wrought iron foot scraper is set in the sidewalk to the left of the steps. A rectangular cellar entrance to the left of this in the sidewalk is framed with brownstone blocks, and covered with a plate of metal.

All windows are detailed similarly to those of the townhouse except that they have brownstone sills. Three basement windows are at the eastern end of the structure. A simple brick cornice runs at the roofline.

A modern, one-story brick addition is attached to the first floor at the rear of the structure, supported on tall, square, brick columns.

The original house accommodates a jeweler's shop in the basement, the salesroom of the Woman's Industrial Exchange on the first floor, and apartments at the
second, third and attic floors. The Exchange salesroom is reached through the
vestibule of the Charles Street entrance, which has a white marble tiled floor and
wooden wainscoting. Inside, the hall and center walls have been removed, and beams
and cast-iron columns with Tuscan capitals have been inserted to carry the walls
on the above floors. The beams and ceiling are sheathed with pressed tin. Victorian
versions of Greek Revival moldings which frame the large, three-center-arched shop
window, and the wood and glass showcases and cashier's cage, are among the other
salesroom features which date from 1900.

The basement of the later structure is used for storage. The first floor accommodates storage rooms, a kitchen and a lunch counter (at one time reserved for male customers). The second floor has the main dining room and a small kitchen. On the third floor is storage space, waitress dressing rooms, and apartments. The two top floors are all apartments.

The dining room is the most interesting area of the addition accessible to the public. Slim, fluted, cast-iron columns with lotus capitals support the floor above. Three marble mantels remain in place, but all interior walls but the chimney walls have been stripped away. All mantels are set perpendicularly to the Pleasant Street facade, and are now free standing in a row.

The mantel and hearth standing in the area which would have been the front room are of white marble. The mantel has a round-arched fire opening, simple, curving, carved ornament, and a mantel shelf with three swells.

The two mantels to the rear are identical to each other, and both have been covered with black paint. Each has a pair of slim colonnettes with Ionic capitals which support a plain entablature and shelf. Tin firebacks are set in each, one with a heraldic crest, the other with a wreath stamped in relief.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The home of the Woman's Industrial Exchange at 333 North Charles Street has changed little since it was taken over by this more than 100 year old organization. The Exchange traces its origins to the days following the Civil War in Baltimore. Beginning in the parlor of Mrs. H. Harmon Brown, Maryland families impoverished by the War could sell heirlooms and handicrafts to acquaintances in a dignified atmosphere.

By 1880 the volume of transactions necessitated the utilization of a shop on Saratoga near Holliday Street. In 1882, by which time the Exchange had moved to the southeast corner of Charles and Pleasant Streets, it had incorporated with a board of twelve philanthropic women: Mary N. Perry, Mary Stow, Isabelle Tyson, Mary T. King, Anne T. Kirk, Helen Coale, Sophia G. Orem, Mary Leiper Thomas, Elizabeth R. Hopkins, Jane E. White, Annie S. Thompkins, and Leonice Josephine Stewart. In 1899 they bought the structure at 333 North Charles on the northeast corner of Charles and Pleasant Streets.

The townhouse portion of the structure was probably constructed circa 1815 on land which at the turn of the nineteenth century belonged to Charles Sterrett Ridgely. In 1803 a large parcel of Ridgely's land, including the Exchange lot, was leased to George Peters, a bricklayer. In 1815 Peters sub-leased the individual Exchange lot to Kennedy Owen, who subsequently bought the lot. There is evidence to suggest that Owen, a merchant, occupied the site as early as 1816, but he died soon afterward. The site is shown as built upon on Thomas Poppleton's 1822 plan of Baltimore.

Between 1835 and 1848 the dwelling was occupied by Henry Didier, also a merchant. Little is known of Didier other than that he was of French extraction, was a friend of Robert Gilmor, and that he had previously owned and occupied a dwelling on Monument Square designed, at least in part, by Maximilian Godefroy. Didier's country house stood near at present intersection of Edmondson and Arlington Avenues in Baltimore.

The house was rented out by its owners between the time of Didier's occupancy and the purchase by the Exchange. By 1858 the structure was the home and office of Dr. Philip C. Williams. Between 1864 and 1877 it served as a boarding house run by Mrs. Mary E. Bordley. The five-story addition was presumably constructed circa 1861, about the time the building was first used as a boarding house. The additions shows clearly on the 1869 Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore.

Through 1896 the building continued as a boarding house under various managers, including Emma Harrison (1882-84), Mrs. Samuel T. Adams (1885), and Rebecca Dukehart (1886-96). In 1897 it became "The Rudolph," a residential hotel.

The townhouse portion of the Exchange is a typical Baltimore upper class urban dwelling of the period 1800-1840. Charles Street, between Saratoga and Centre Streets, was originally lined with such structures, but now perhaps a half dozen survive in recognizable form. The Exchange is important as the least alered of these, retain the original base and entrance. The c. 1900 shop window is far more compatible with the early structure than are the storefronts on the nearby, comparable buildings. The

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fine Flemish bonded brickwork at front and side, the marble and wrought iron stoop, and the chimneys which rise from the hall wall are notable features, characteristic of this type of structure.

The shop and restaurant of the Exchange have been among the institutions most resistant to the change which has swept Charles Street in this century. The restaurant continues as a popular lunchtime meeting place for a wide range of people. The shop currently sells, on a consignment basis, the handicrafts and baked goods of over 200 men and women.

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